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### CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Christmas Program, December 15, 1960 is a song concert, an assortment of delightful Christmas carols. It is presented by Mr. Hurshburger's ninth grade choir, assisted by the eighth grade and seventh grade choirs. The feature arrangement is It Was the Night Before Christmas. Preceding the carols, the Dramatics Club will give a short skit under the direction of Mrs. Lewis. The program is to be presented to parents in the evening, as well as to students during the day.

Paula Miller

### SNOWBALL

The West Junior High School Student Council held a Christmas dance on Friday, December 9, in the school cafeteria. The Student Council decided to buy ten new records instead of hiring a dance band. The dance was entitled "Snowball" with decorations of snowflakes and a huge snowball. There were wonderful refreshments and a surprise M.C. W.J.H. dance band performed at intermission. The main chairman for the dance was Vice-President Sandy Goodsman. The other committees consisted of decorations: Chairman Scott Davison, Richard Allison, Cary Wolf, Cheri Eaton, Lise Jensen, Wanda Huston, Sandy Goodsman, and Tom Warner; refreshments: Chairman Eunice Robinson, Richard Allison, and Sharon Fletcher; door committee: Chairman Pam Bohn, Carol Wright, and Al DeOtte; publicity: Chairman Doris Witherspoon, Ann Hendricks, Pat Horne, Nancy Prest, Diane Chandler, and Robert Rood; music: Chairman Sandy Matthies and Jim Eye. All the committees seem to have done a wonderful job.

The student council previously this year held a sock hop, the purpose to raise money for

the United Fund. The sock hop was held Thursday, October 20. This also was a very successful dance. By the way these two dances turned out we seem to have a very effective student council this year.

Peggy Dawson

### WEST UPSETS EAST

On Tuesday the eighth of November, the West Junior High Mustangs made history when they defeated the Vikings of East Junior High 19 to 0. Arthur Oliver, the high point man of the game, ran for a 35 yard touchdown, in which Herb Francois threw a key block. In the fourth quarter Oliver came back with his second touchdown which covered about 45 yards. Dorthey Gray received a touchdown pass from Francois, that covered 25 yards. Immediately the same combination took the extra point.

The Mustangs also had three touchdowns which were not counted because of penalties. They were run by Harold Watkins and Alcean Witherspoon.

Right after the kick-off the Mustangs brought the Vikings to a sudden halt for the rest of the game and won the victory 19-0.

Herbert Francois

### SCHOOL WRITING CONTEST

Under the sponsorship of the English Department, a writing contest is being conducted. Any W.J.H. student may enter original writing under the following classifications: Short story, short short story, essay, sketch, poetry, letter, autobiographical article, television or radio.

Details and entry blanks are available from your own English teachers. Deadline for making entries is January 4. Prizes will be awarded to winners.



### New Seventh Grade Teachers

Mrs. Carnes was born in Muncie, Indiana. She attended Ball State Teachers College in Indiana graduating with majors in home economics and English. Mrs. Carnes' husband is studying guided missiles at the University of Michigan and is also a Lieutenant in the U.S.A.F. Mrs. Carnes is teaching because she enjoys working with young people.

Mr. Cupps was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He attended Michigan State University and the University of Michigan. Mr. Cupps received his degree in Biology and Industrial Arts. He entered teaching because he felt that in this profession he could make a contribution to society and also a living for himself and his family. His other reasons are because he likes students (especially those who try to be helpful and make progress in the right direction), and he likes Teachers, Patents, and Pay checks.

Mrs. Barrett now lives in Ypsilanti. She attended the University of Michigan graduating with a Bachelor's degree in English and a Master's degree in secondary English. She is teaching because she thinks teaching is an occupation which is dynamic, challenging, and a great deal of fun.

Jim White

### New Eighth Grade Teachers

Mrs. Epperson was born in California. She got her Bachelor's degree at the University of California at Berkley and her Master's degree at Sacramento State College.

Many of us wonder why teachers go into teaching. Mrs. Epperson answered that she likes working with teenagers. She also likes teaching here. Mrs. Epperson has taught in California and Ann Arbor.

Her hobbies are sewing, cooking, and reading.

An interesting point about Mrs. Epperson is that she has traveled in Japan, Korea, and Europe.

Mrs. Lewis was born in Detroit and graduated from Eastern Michigan University. The reason she took up teaching is that she also enjoys working with teenagers. Mrs. Lewis likes working here at W.J.H. Her hobbies are music and art.

Mrs. Rehner is teaching 8th grade mathematics. She is new to West Jr. High this year and is enjoying her work here. She was active in our school's observance of American Education Week.

Jandy Hogrife

### New Ninth Grade Teachers

Mrs. Ware attended the University of Michigan and this is her first year of teaching. Her hometown is Jackson and she finds pleasure in such hobbies as reading and music. She enjoys teaching typing and general business at W.J.H.

Mrs. Myers went to the University of Michigan and this is her first year as a teacher. Mrs. Myers, one of our math teachers, enjoys all sports, records, travel and skiing very much. She comes from Saginaw, Michigan and enjoys West Jr. High School.

Mrs. Koopman, a former University of Michigan student, also in her first year of teaching, comes from Saginaw. Some of her hobbies are camping, travel, chamber music, and reading Four Existentialist Theologians, a book on French literature. She teaches French, English, and literature.

Jeanie Hutchins

### W.J.H. MOCK ELECTION

The two ninth grade civics classes of Mr. Kerr and Mr. Dorsey should be commended for their work in running our school's mock election. In the three weeks of preparation each class worked separately for their own classroom debates. Each class divided into its two political parties, chose a chairman, and divided up into committees to study their candidates issues. After their trial debates, several students were chosen as debaters and questioners for the school debate which was held Friday November 4. On November 8th our mock election was held showing the student body favoring Nixon by a close margin of votes.

Janet Pepper

Mr. Boston, who comes from Rockford, Illinois, is teaching English and math. He says that he likes it very much at W.J.H.



## 7th GRADE CLASS NEWS

Mr. McElhaney's geography classes are making maps called physical relief maps on the countries of Europe. These maps are made with flour, salt, and water. The best maps are going to be put on display. They are giving first, second, and third place prizes.

Mrs. Barrett's class has a new rule. When students borrow a pencil from someone else they have to pay a penny a day until they return the pencil.

Jon Linebaugh

## 8th GRADE CLASS NEWS

On December 2, Mr. Briggs' homeroom, 310, held a splash party at the Ypsilanti High School Pool. All the work was done by the students. Nancy Bell and Dana Oedenour made arrangements for the pool. On the refreshment committee were Alfred DeOtte, chairman; Jim Walton, Ralph Utley, Cynthia Helle, and Nadine Miller. I'm sure all who went will agree that it was a great success.

For those who would like to have a party in their homeroom, you will find that same old word, behavior, has a lot to do with it. As one of the adults at this party said, he was so pleased with the behavior of the students that he wouldn't mind chaperoning another party.

Mr. Marsh's 8th grade classes are studying electricity and magnetism now. They have found, among other things, that the earth's North Pole is actually the South Pole on a metal Magnet! Oh well, that's the way it goes.

Mrs. Lewis's students, as part of their classwork, are writing in any of the categories they want to, in the writing contest. Compositions that are good enough will be entered in the contest.

Mrs. Brown's eighth grade homeroom is participating in a Christmas giving program. Their goal is to have everyone bring a can of food. It will be turned over to the Christmas Bureau to be given to needy families.

Students on the planning committee are: Barbara Behrens, Jim Holly, Sharon Fletcher, Paulette Dozier, and Dennis Doan.

Richard Pinnock

## 9th GRADE CLASS NEWS

All 9th grade English classes are working on compositions which students may enter in the writing contest.

The French classes are learning many Christmas carols in French, as are the Spanish and Latin classes, also.

Careers classes recently have had two special speakers: Dr. Holloway, speaking about dentistry, and Lt. Walton, speaking about Law Enforcement. The class plan to invite other people of the community to speak to them before the end of the semester.

The 9th grade chorus is preparing for the Christmas program.

Lana Aeschliman

## NEWS FROM OTHER CLASSES

In Mrs. Mierke's art classes Melvin Walls of 410 has been lending his artistic talents to the Christmas mural in the kitchen. Diane Chandler and Linda Vanover of 7E have also been collaborating on a mural for the office. The 9th grade classes have been painting murals for the halls. The 9th grade art classes also made posters for the Writing Contest and are now working on mobiles of brilliantly colored figures.

In Mrs. Collins' 8th grade homemaking classes, the girls have just finished making aprons with their names on them. Their next project will be baking Christmas cookies and decorating a cookie tree.

In the ninth grade the girls have been baking different yeast and Christmas breads. On Wednesday of this week they plan to have a coffee hour for our school faculty. They will serve different Christmas breads.

Recently, Cynthia Harris of the 9th grade won the Cherry Pie Baking Contest at W.J.H. She then entered the competition in Ann Arbor.

Phyllis Myers



## CLUB NEWS

### Science Club

Mr. Marsh again this year started a Science Club. The members are on a trial basis; therefore, there are no officers. To establish permanent membership, each trial member must work on a project. It is up to the members to decide what they want to work on.

The temporary members recently received a plaque which signifies that they are now members of the National Future Scientists of America Club.

### Ceramics Club

There are about fifteen members in the Ceramics Club which is made up of seventh, eighth, and ninth graders. The club is headed by Mrs. Mionke. They have had only two meetings and there are no officers. Right now they are working on Christmas gifts which are ash trays, bowls and other useful items.

In the distant future, they are planning to work with two different types of clay and glazing.

### Square Dance Club:

The membership of the 7th grade club is limited to 23 boys and 23 girls with a waiting list of others who wish to join. Regular attendance at meetings is important for maintaining membership. The club will try to have several guest callers during the year.

The membership of the 8th grade Square Dance Club is limited to 14 boys and 14 girls. They have a waiting list as do the 7th graders. They will also try to have several guest callers and even try some square dance calling themselves.

### Dramatics Club

Mrs. Lewis is the head of the Dramatics Club. Around Thanksgiving time they had a very good play, "Groceries for Dinner". In the Christmas program they plan to give a short religious skit. There are about 36 members. The president is Herbert Francois. The vice-president is Lise Jensen. Lynne Vorce is the secretary and Doris Witherspoon is treasurer.

### French Club

The French Club is headed by Mrs. Koopman. There are about thirty members in the club. Their meetings are held at member's homes. On the 14th of December, they plan to meet at Phyllis Myers' home and go caroling in French.

### Library Club

The Library Club, which is supervised by Mrs. Smith, is a service organization. All the work is done voluntarily. There are about 65 or 70 members made up of 7th, 8th, and 9th graders.

The president is Jane Sayre, the vice-president is Marilyn Moody, Lynne Vorce is the secretary, and Nancy Wiedman is the treasurer.

Everytime a student librarian reads a book, he is to make out a file card which tells the title, author, and other information about the book. This is to help the teachers find suitable books for their pupils and needs.

### Leaders' Club

Mrs. McCulla has organized this club from members of the 9th grade physical education classes who have good grades. They help organize games in the 7th and 8th grade classes and work in the gym office. On November 30, club members attended the E.H.U. Swim Show.

Pat Sheldon

### Students See The Ghouly Friend

On November 16, students from East and West Jr. Highs attended The Ghouly Friend at Ypsilanti High School.

The play is about a family who own a cabin on a lake. In order to get customers, the son, Dan, calls the newspapers and says there is a monster in the lake. When he really starts business booming, they are doing great until the customers give up because of finding the monster. They are ready to leave when all of a sudden four monsters appear.

The play, on the whole, was very humorous and exciting and well worth seeing.

Lynne Elwell

Typists for this issue are: Marilyn Moody, Pat Venier, Abbie Vandewalker, Jane Sayre, Sandy Patton, and Sharon Wilde.



## GIRLS' SPORT NEWS

The girls are presently getting their basketball teams organized and games underway. The seventh and eighth graders have already begun to play. The ninth graders will start their games before Christmas vacation. The teams are organized by homerooms. Listen for announcements on the P.A. about the teams standings.

Delores Mitchell

## THE QUESTION OF THE WEEK

"What would you do if you met up with a cute little lich?" This was the question that our roving reporter Sally Barnum was asking.

Ronnie Ballios: It sounds like a leech, so I'd stomp on it!

Delores Brown: I guess I'd flirt with it.

Tom Sherman: A cute little lich, huh? Well, I'd take it out to dinner.

Charlotte Shock: I would give it to Welch, she's desperate.

Bill Abbey: I'd give it to a certain English teacher, so she wouldn't get lonesome on lonely nights.

Diane Doot: I'd smack it up good!

Gloria Rislin: I would kill it!

Betty Snead: I would make friends with it. It's near Christmas.

Carl Goyer: I'd say, "Charlene, where have you been?"

Jim Holly: (after ten minutes of concentration) Uh, I'd order a boxful for Christmas for my brother, Jerry, to eat.

(What is a "lich". A corpse!)

## N.J.H. TOI TEN

1. A Thousand Stars--Cathy Young
2. Shop Around--The Miracles
3. Poetry in Motion--Johnny Tillitson
4. Are You Lonesome Tonight--Elvis Presley
5. Lonely Teenager--Dion

6. New Orleans--J. S. Bonds
7. North to Alaska--Johnny Horton
8. Last Date--Lawrence Welk
9. Who's Loving You--The Miracles
10. Wonderland by Night

Pam Bohr  
Diane Yuerlis  
Kathy Kirkpatrick

## JUST FOR FUN COLUMN

## Problems:

Prove that if from six you take nine; if from nine you take ten; and if from forty you take fifty; SIX will remain. (Hint: Use Roman Numerals.)

Three girls were walking to school under one umbrella. Why didn't any of them get wet.

## Jokes:

Aunt: Tell, Bobby, how do you like school?  
Bobby: Closed.

1. What would happen if a waiter dropped a plate of Turkey?
2. It would be the downfall of Turkey, the overflow of Greece, and the destruction of China.

Man: Who was that on the phone?  
Son: Oh, some lady that said, "Long distance from London" I said, "It sure is."

## DAFFYNISHIONS

Adult: A person who has stopped growing at both ends and started growing in the middle.

Two banana peels: A pair of slippers.

Raisin: A worried grape.

Farmer: A man outstanding in his field.

## TONGUE TWISTERS

Repeat three times very fast.

1. Bonnie Bliss Blew Big Bubbles
2. Buy a Black-backed Bath Brush
3. Sugar Sacks Should be Shaken Soundly.

## Answers to the Problems:

1. 
$$\begin{array}{r} \text{SIX} \\ - \text{IX} \\ \hline \text{I} \end{array}$$

2. It wasn't raining.

David Rumford



## BASKETBALL STANDINGS

These were the 7th, 8th, and 9th grade basket ball standings as of December 7th:

Seventh Grade

<u>Room</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>
201	0	2
203	2	0
204	1	1
205	1	1
207	2	0
208	2	0
502	2	0
504	0	2

Eighth Grade

301	2	0
303	0	2
305	0	2
307	2	0
308	0	2
309	2	0
310	2	0
301-308	0	2

Ninth Grade

404	1	1
407	0	2
405-408	1	1
409-410	2	0

Frank Frierson

## FOOTBALL FINAL

Fifty-four boys filled the uniforms of West Junior High School and from these boys three teams were assembled. Mr. Taylor was coach of the Blue Devils, Mr. Wagner of the Fighting 11 and Mr. Boston of the Wild Cats.

The final standings show that Mr. Boston's team, the Wildcats, led the league with a 3-0 record. The two remaining teams tied for second place with a 1-2 record.

Jim Walton

## GRAPES FOR DINNER

The Dramatics Club, under the direction of Mrs. Lewis entertained the student body and faculty, on Wednesday, November 23, with the play Grapes for Dinner.

An introduction was given by Estella Henry, and then the play began.

The whole cast did a remarkable job at portraying their characters. Lucille Baldwin, played by Lise Jensen, and her "Boy friend" Herb Dobb, played by James White, were quite amusing especially Lucille who tried

to do everything she thought would please Herb, a diet specialist; but Bob, played by John Hill, was the funniest character in the play. His sarcasm and jokes gave the play an even more enjoyable lift.

This was one of the best presentations put on at West Junior High School. Now we have only to look forward to our Christmas portrayal by the group.

Pat Horn

## CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

Have you ever wondered how your Christmas is different from your friend's or classmate's Christmas? Or even how it is like your classmate's? Maybe you celebrate your Christmas day like Jack Wescott who gets up early in the morning, sleeps almost all day long, and then goes to bed late at night.

Many people celebrate their Christmas day like Pam Eastwood who has a big dinner at her home with some friends or relatives, or like Peggy Easton who goes to her sister's house for that big Christmas dinner.

Maybe you start your day as Nancy Kemp does with a Christmas service at her own church.

By chance you may be like Pete Harris who is looking forward to Christmas in Florida.

Some of your classmates have Christmas traditions that are very much their own. Thelma Elam goes for a ride down the street on her brother's sled. Cathy Heath enjoys helping Santa Claus fill the stockings and put presents under the tree.

As you know, Christmas is not entirely an American celebration. Gail Bitner has a German background. Each year her family lights five candles and with each candle says one syllable of the sentence; "The Lord is blessed today." Hendrika Overhleeft who has come to America from the Netherlands. Her family has two Christmas holidays. The first celebration is on December 24 and is quite religious. On December 25, they exchange gifts, and go visiting.

But no matter how you celebrate Christmas, we hope you have a happy one!

Trudy Adams

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!